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Mr. Neil E. Thompson US EPA Region X 1200 Sixth Avenue – ECL-113 Seattle, WA 98101 RECEIVED

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Environmental Cleanup Office

Re: July 2006 Monthly Report

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter serves as the monthly progress report for July 2006, in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 29 of the RD/RA Consent Decree for the Tronox site, in Soda Springs, Idaho.

July Activities

The fenced enclosures surrounding the cap and landfill facilities were inspected and are in good condition. The gates are closed and locked. The landfill was not pumped in July because it was pumped completely dry in June.

The 10-acre pond currently contains approximately 10 inches of water, measured at the south end of the pond. The sump was pumped in July. Tronox accelerated evaporation within the containment of the 10-acre pond during July by pumping pond water to the beach areas at the north end of the pond and onto the plastic embankments surrounding the pond. Evaporation pan data and precipitation were also collected for assessment. Tronox is investigating the effects of heating the 10-acre pond water to changes in 10-acre pond water chemistry in anticipation of closing the pond.

August/September Activities

During the months of August and September, Tronox will continue monitoring of the cap, landfill and the 10-acre pond. Tronox will measure the water level in the landfill sump in August and September and pump water from the sump to a nearby concrete basin as necessary. Tronox will continue pumping water within containment of the 10-acre pond to accelerate the reduction in volume as long as pumping of the high salinity brine is sustainable. Tronox will continue to collect evaporation pan data. In September, Tronox plans to install a snow fence to the south of the 10-acre pond to reduce the potential for deposition of blowing snow into the pond during the winter months.

Results from the May 2006 sampling event will be reviewed, and data appended to the



database following data validation. Work will also commence on the annual comprehensive report of ground and surface water quality in August and September following review of the data.

No community relation activities are planned for this period.

Problems or Delays

No delays are expected.

If you have any questions about the work or additional information is required with regards to the work described above, please contact me at (208) 547-3331, extension 230.

Sincerely,

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